

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description. Claims 1-12 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,005,812 (Mullarkey).

A telephonic interview was conducted on September 26, 2005 between the Examiner and the Applicants' representative, Michael J. Musella. The Examiner reviewed the replacement drawing, supplied with the prior Response, and agreed that the drawing overcame the stated rejections. In the interview summary the Examiner raises a minor objection that is addressed herein by the aforementioned amendment to the Specification. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

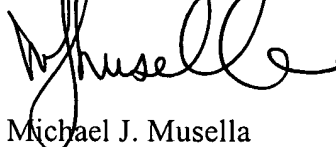
Regarding the Examiner's rejection of independent Claim 1 under §102(b), Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1 was previously amended to recite a plurality of units, at least two of the units located in at least one of the subsystems being different from each other, a reference voltage supplied to the at least one regulator system, and the pump control signal being enabled and disabled in response to at least the clock control signal. Further, regarding the Examiner's rejection of independent Claim 13 under §102(b), Claim 13 was previously amended to recite a plurality of units, at least two of the units located in at least one of the subsystems being different from each other, generating a reference voltage based on at least the clock control signal; and that the pump control signal is based on the reference voltage. As none of these amendments have been examined, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the amendments and arguments contained in the previous Response, and again set forth herein, and requests withdrawal of the finality of the previous Office Action.

Without conceding the patentability of independent Claims 2-12 and 14-21, it is respectfully submitted that they are believed to be allowable by their virtue of their dependence

upon independent Claims 1 and 13, respectively.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or a personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Musella", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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